

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
May 15, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Schmisek, Pic, Murphy, Knauf and Malm present. Commissioner Pic participated via telephone.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to amend the agenda and include the Public Administrator applicant under item number 12, Director of Administration. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to amend the agenda and include two Gaming Site Authorizations under the Consent Agenda for the Racers Bar, Manvel, ND. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #159885-160081 in the amount of \$414,128.32 and purchasing card transactions of \$10,930.95; employee status changes for Paul Scott Hasson, Antozno Teruel, Frank Shaske, Rae Ann Wall, Tara Kuck, Jolaine Knain, and Karen Enniss; out-of-state travel for Social Services; overtime; and Gaming Site Authorizations for Racers Bar, Manvel, ND. Motion carried.

Hal Gershman, Grand Forks City Council, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to provide \$10,000 for the Bakken Initiative. Motion carried.

Joe Sierra, 1107 University Ave, Grand Forks, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to transfer Retail Liquor License #3-2012 to Rivers Edge Golf Course, Manvel, ND. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve a Beer License for Rivers Edge Golf Course, Manvel, ND. Motion carried with Schmisek, Pic and Murphy voting aye and Knauf and Malm voting nay.

The Administrative Services Committee will draft a policy at their next meeting regarding transferring or pro-rating licenses.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to deny the abatement application of Gary Dub on parcel number 14-3729-00403-000 to reduce the 2011 True and Full Value. Motion carried.

Ed Christ, Social Service Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve out-of-state travel for Suzanne Kilichowski and Tanya Barron to attend the National NEW Conference in Nashville, TN, August 12-15, 2012. They both have been awarded \$750 stipends from North Dakota NEW to offset some of the costs. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve submitting the Economic Assistance Supervisor position (HSPA V) for reclassification and to fill the position. The Assistant Director responsibilities will be removed from the position. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to allow the donated leave request for Kathy Spoor, based on additional information provided. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the vacation, rezoning, variance, and special use permit requests of Columbia Grain on Block 31 in the Village of Arvilla, with the following conditions on the Special Use Permit: 1) Chemical treatments to the gravel surfaces shall be applied as needed to control dust in the Village of Arvilla, 2) The dust removal system shall continue to be maintained in a manner to reduce grain dust in the area, 3) The screening containment unit on the west end of the property shall be sealed to reduce grain dust, 4) All bulk chemicals shall be kept in accordance to EPA, State Health and Agricultural Department regulations at all times, and 5) No building or paving shall take place within any utility easements on the property. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the job description change for the County Building Official as presented by staff and forward the change on to the consultant. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the requests of Germaine Muir to rezone 66.80 acres of land from A-1, Agricultural Preservation District to A-3, Agricultural Reserve District, and the plat of Muir Subdivision consisting of two lots on five acres. Motion carried.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application that will be submitted by the Grand Forks Police Department. The grant will be shared with the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department and the Grand Forks Police Department will administer the grant. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to retroactively approve out-of-state travel for Corporal Mike Lee to attend the 2012 Camp Ripley "Street" K9 Certification in Little Falls, MN, May 14 – 18, 2012. Motion carried.

Sheila Bruhn, BRIC Coordinator, and Eric Icard, GF Region Economic Development Senior Business Development Officer, reported on the Base Realignment Impact Committee trip to Washington, DC, April 30 – May 2, 2012.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the Grand Forks County Movie Tour Book Agreement with CGI Communications, Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to allow the Chair to appoint someone to talk with the Court about the Public Administrator position; the Court will make the appointment under a contract and the County will pay \$21,000 to support the contract. Motion carried.

Chairman Schmisek appointed himself to work with the States Attorney, Director of Administration and the Court Administrator regarding the Public Administrator appointment.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the Nursing Services Agreement between Grand Forks County, through the Grand Forks County Correctional Center and the City of Grand Forks, through the Grand Forks Public Health Department. Motion carried.

Peter Welte addressed the board regarding the content of a letter from Lyle Schuchard, ACOVA chair, to Laura Bearfield, Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Welte will discuss the matter with Lee Finstad, VSO, who is the topic of a portion of the letter.

The Commission will meet with the Fair Board on June 5, 2012 at 2:30pm.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, informed the board of a check received from the Water Resource District in the amount of \$243,120.96 which was from four retired bond issues, and according to NDCC §61-21-55 all surplus moneys in such fund shall be payable to the general fund of the county.

Chairman Schmisek asked Commissioner Murphy to speak to the Highway Superintendent about the safety issues of the roads in the Village of Arvilla.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:43pm. The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2012.

John Schmisek, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor